

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

June 18, 2007

CALL TO PODIUM:

Cathy G. Borten
City Attorney

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Cathy G. Borten
City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
X	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other: Introduction

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	05-07-07
Advertised	05-09-07
Hearing Date	05-21-07
Record Held Open	06-13-07
Policy Discussion	06-18-07

TITLE:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 15-9, SUBSECTION (f) OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "SOLICITATION IN ROADWAYS," SO AS TO AMEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE O-4-07 ADOPTING SECTION 15-9(f), AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE BY RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Attached please find a proposed amendment to Section 15-9 of the City Code, known as the City's "anti-solicitation ordinance."

This amendment changes the effective date in Sec. 15-9(f) to September 1, 2007. This provides the City a time frame in which to obtain an opinion from the Attorney General's Office as to the constitutionality of the ordinance, consistent with the Council's guidance at its April 16, 2007 meeting. The amendment also provides that, should additional changes to the effective date be required in the future (*i.e.* if it takes a longer period to obtain the opinion), the Council may make such changes by resolution.

As an emergency ordinance, if the amendment is enacted this evening, it will go into effect immediately.

A public hearing was held on this amendment on May 21, 2007, and the record closed June 13, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Conduct policy discussion and vote on ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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15-9, SUBSECTION (f) OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "SOLICITATION IN
ROADWAYS," SO AS TO AMEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE
O-4-07 ADOPTING SECTION 15-9(f), AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE
CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE BY RESOLUTION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg,
in public meeting assembled, that Section 15-9, Subsection (f) of Chapter 15 of the
City Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 15

OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS

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Sec. 15-9 Solicitation in Roadways

(a) Findings

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(f) Effective Date

This ordinance will not go into effect until September 1, 2007. Should the Council determine that a change in the effective date is required, the Council may change the effective date of this Ordinance in the future by resolution.

ADOPTED this 18th day of June, 2007 by the City Council of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

DELIVERED to the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, this 18th day of June, 2007. APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, this 18th day of June, 2007.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance as adopted by the City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, on the 18th day of June, 2007, and that the same was approved by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the 18th day of June, 2007. This ordinance will become effective immediately.

David B. Humpton, City Manager

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<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by Amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>